reported by the States, following amounts were allocated for maintenance and repairs of NH 17 during 1992-93 :—

Maharashtra	Rs. 274.27 lakhs
Goa	Rs. 116.74 lakhs

(b) Maintenance and repairs is a continuing activity and is carried out round the year wherever necessary to keep the road in traffic worthy condition within the availability of funds.

Accidents caused by Red Line Buses

1255. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the induction of high profile Red Line Buses, road accidents in Delhi have risen in recent months resulting in many a promising youngmen becoming disabled life long;

(b) what is the number of accidents both fatal and grievious during January-March, 1993;

(c) whether it is a fact that Red Line Buses break the traffic rules with impunity for which they have been charge sheeted;

(d) whether Government have fixed any Rules so that the victims of road accidents get compensation promptly for their medical treatment and rehabilitation in life; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of fatal accidents during the period January-March, 1993 were 430. No accident involving grievious injury had been reported during this period.

(c) Till 26-4-93, 15,555 traffic violations involving Red Line Buses were detected and prosecuted by the Delhi Traffic Police.

(d) and (e) Victims of road accidents are eligible for compensation as per the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. Section 165 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 provides for setting up of Motor Accidents Claims Tribunals by the State Governments for the purpose of settling claims for compensation in respect of accidents involving death, bodily injury to the persons arising out of the use of the motor vehicles. Six such Claims Tribunals have been set up in Delhi.

Posts of Chairman and Deputy Chairman lying vacant in ports

1256. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some major ports do not have Chairman and Deputy Chairman; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the number of major ports which do not have regular incumbents for Head of Department and since when; and

(c) what steps Government are proposing to take to fill up posts with regular appointment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) Details are as under:—